

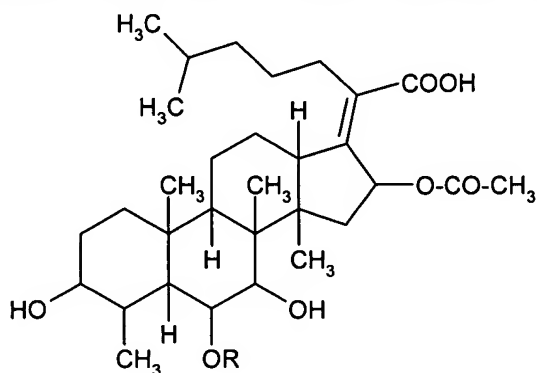
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the specification:

Listing of Claims

Patent Claims

1. 2-(16-Acetoxy-3,7-dihydroxy-4,8,10,14-tetramethyl-6-[hydroxy, (C₁₋₂₂)alkoxy or carbonyloxy]-hexadecahydro-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-17-ylidene)-6-methyl-heptanoic acids.
2. (currently amended) A The compound of ~~claim 1 which is of the formula~~

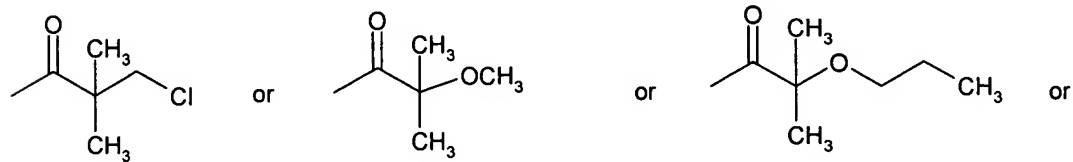
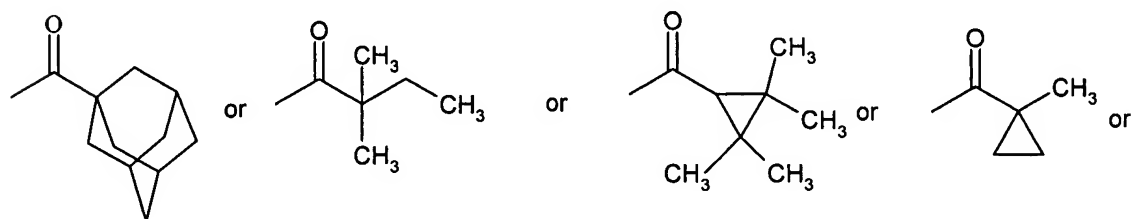
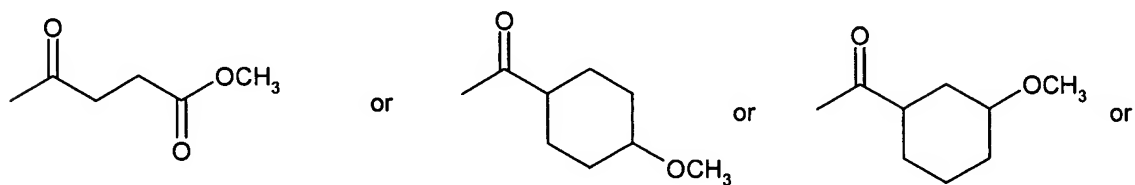
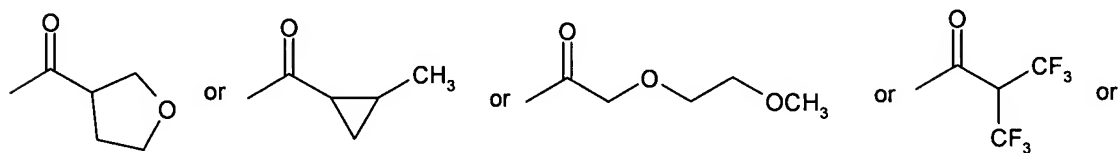
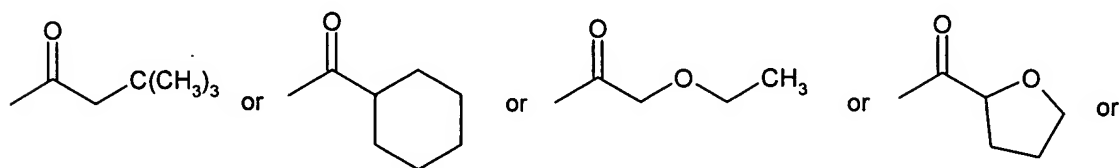
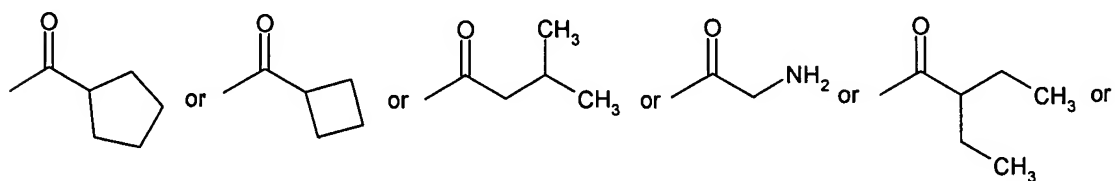
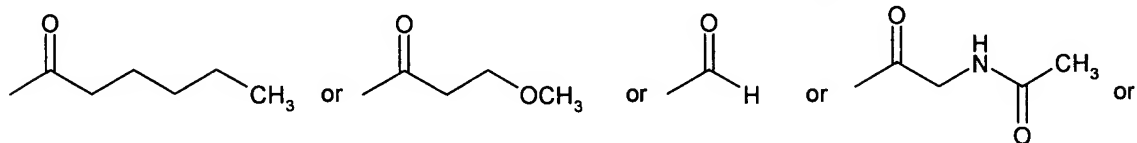
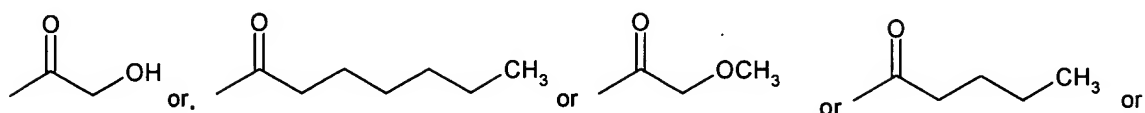
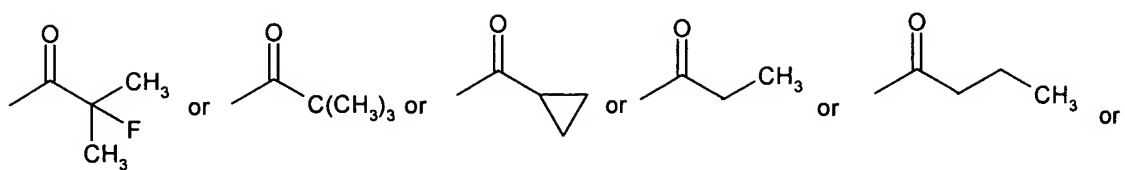


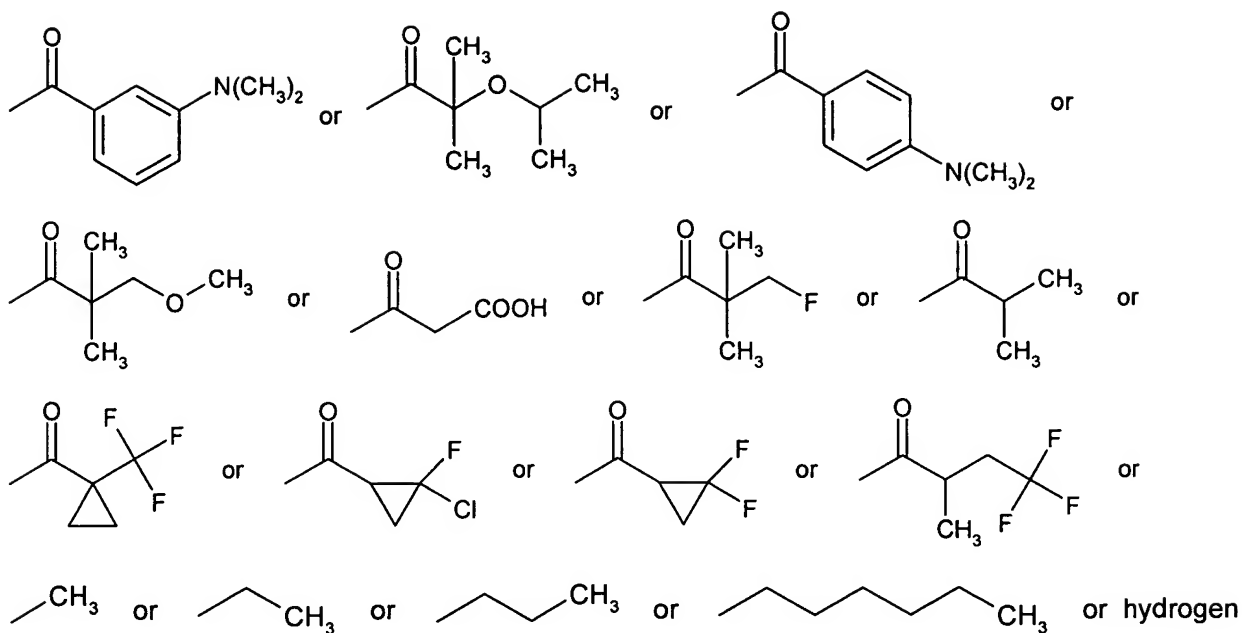
wherein

R is hydrogen, CO-R₁ or (C₁₋₂₂)alkyl, and

R₁ is hydrogen, (C₁₋₂₂)alkyl, (C₃₋₈)cycloalkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxy-(C₁₋₄)alkoxy-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, amino(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl, hydrogencarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxy-carbonyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, heterocyclyl having 5 or 6 ring members and 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from S, O or N, or bridged bridged (C₇₋₁₂)cycloalkyl.

3. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of claims 1 or~~ claim 2, wherein
R is hydrogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, or CO-R₁, and
R₁ is hydrogen, (C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₃₋₆)cycloalkyl, (C₁₋₃)alkoxy-(C₁₋₃)alkyl, methoxy-(C₁₋₂)alkoxy-(C₁₋₂)alkyl, aminomethyl, halo(C₁₋₄)alkyl comprising one or two halogen atoms, hydroxymethyl, hydroxycarbonylmethyl, methoxycarbonyl-(C₁₋₂)alkyl, phenyl, tetrahydrofuranyl or adamantanyl.
4. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 2, wherein R is a group of formula





5. (currently amended) A The compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 2 in the form of a salt.

6. (canceled)

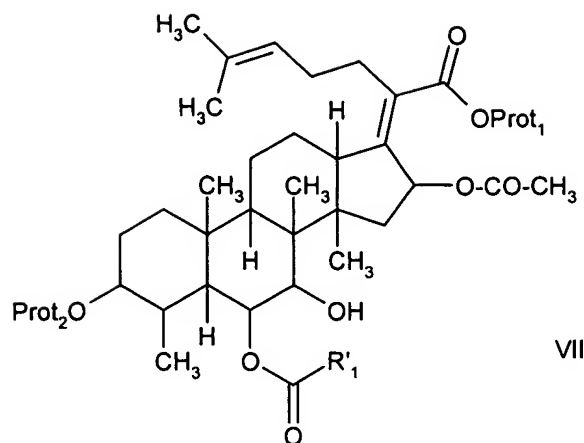
7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2 in association with at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

9. (currently amended) A The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 8, further comprising another pharmaceutically active agent.

10. (currently amended) A method of ~~treatment~~ treating of microbial diseases, ~~which treatment comprises~~ comprising administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 2.

11. (currently amended) A compound of formula



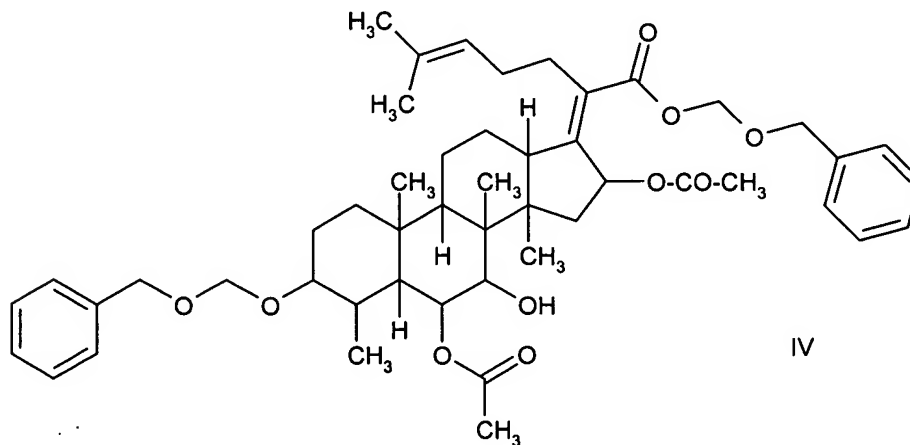
wherein

Prot₁ is a protecting group, and

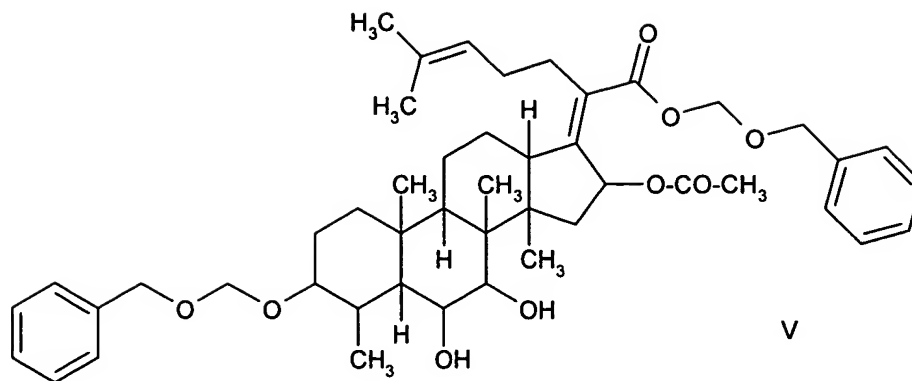
Prot₂ is either other than a protecting group, or is a protecting group, and

R'₁ has the meaning of R₁, wherein R₁ is as defined in any one of claims 1 to 5, as R₁ is hydrogen, (C₁₋₂₂)alkyl, (C₃₋₈)cycloalkyl, (C₁₋₆)alkoxy-(C₁₋₆)alkyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxy-(C₁₋₄)alkoxy-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, amino(C₁₋₄)alkyl, halo(C₁₋₆)alkyl, hydroxy(C₁₋₄)alkyl, hydrogencarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl(C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₁₋₄)alkoxy-carbonyl-(C₁₋₄)alkyl, (C₆₋₁₈)aryl, heterocyclyl having 5 or 6 ring members and 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from S, O or N, or bridged bridged (C₇₋₁₂)cycloalkyl, and additionally includes residues as defined in R₁, wherein functional groups are protected.

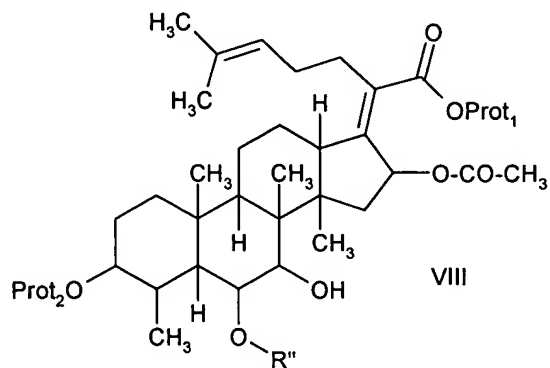
12. (original) A compound of formula



or of formula



13. (currently amended) A compound of formula



~~wherein Prot₄ and Prot₂ are as defined in claim 10~~

wherein

Prot₁ is a protecting group, and

Prot₂ is either other than a protecting group, or is a protecting group, and R" is (C₁₋₈)alkyl.

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